## GERMANY ASKED AMERICA TO ACT

Suggested That We Take Initiative as to China.

HAY'S NOTE FINDS FAVOR

Effect of Co-operation of Powers Will Be Moral Prop for Chinese Government.

Abundant authority exists for the statement that the Government of the United States took the initiative in an effort to insure the "administrative entity" of China on the suggestion of Germany, that the initiative of the United States has been favorably received by the foreign offices of several of the great European powers, and that the combined influence of these powers will be a strong moral projection. for the support of China throughout the current war between Russia and Japan.

'The Temps" of Paris, published as a clause from the note sent by Secre-tary Hay to the American representa-"Consult with the government to which you are accredited, with the view of learning if, in order to avoid the possible orthreak of troubles in China and to limit the prejudice of war on neutral commerce, it will not be proper to respect the neutrality of the admin-

to respect the neutrality of the administrative entity of China."

A reliable news source in St. Petersburg also publishes an extract from the American secretary's note, as follows:

\* \* \* "proposing joint representations to Russia and Japan to prevail upon them to circumscribe the war operations as far as possible, with a view to preventing disorders in China, which might threaten international trade, and to the preserving of the integrity of China."

#### Indorsement Expected.

seems to be accepted by diploma tists everywhere that the purposes of this note will be indorsed by all the several governments to which it has been addressed. Those purposes are construed to be the restriction of the comand Manchuria; in other words, to localize the combat to an area so small that

China need not fear invasion.

At St. Petersburg it is suggested that

Czar.

Russia is believed, however, to have referred the note to Viceroy Alexieff and the impression prevails that the Czar will be extremely slow to accept any proposals from the United States or any other power which would hamper Russia's military operations.

Several replies have already been received by Secretary Hay. Their contents are not disclosed, but it seems to be the general impression that their tenor is favorable.

#### China to Proclaim Neutrality.

A belated dispatch from United States proclaim neutrality and will do so as is unnecessary.

soon as notice is received of the declara-

tion of war by Russia and Japan,
The proclamation of neutrality by China and the maintenance of neutrali in China are different propositions. Minister Chentung Liang-Cheng inform-Minister Chentung Liang-Cheng informed the State Department several days ago of the purpose of his country to remain neutral, and said the governors of the various provinces had been ordered to maintain that attitude. But Chinese governors were ordered not to ghoot foreigners at the time of the Boxer troubles, and they are not noted for their obedience to the orders of the central government.

## CHINA MAY BE RESTORED

the question whether China will not have the right, under a general accept-ance of Secretary Hay's note, if she does not already possess it, to seize Manchurla by force and prevent the continuance of its occupation by Russia for military purposes, and this without violating in any way her declaration of

The facts as set forth by those who incline to believe that China may rightfully do this are that in 1900, the nations, which had participated in the Pekin campaign signed a convention guaranteeing one another. Russia would almost certainly refuse

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WHERE THE CAMPAIGN IS ON.



## FEATURES AND FACTORS IN THE WAR SITUATION

News From Many Points That Brings Out the Significance of Events and Makes the Story Complete.

As anticipated, Japan is evidently making Chemulpo the base of her landoperations in Korea. Troops are being landed rapidly, and in large numbers. It is believed the Japanese land forces will soon move toward the Yalu. The crews of the Russian ships Variag and Korietz, destroyed at Chemulpo

batants to carry on the war in Korea are reported to be on board British, Italian, and French ships, which were in the harbor. The Japanese are sending quantities of newspapers containing reports of their

At St. Petersburg it is suggested that any such project must meet with the support of the Russian government, but the practicability of the proposition is imminent, by reason of Russia's preoccupation in the Far East. Reports from Austria and from Bulgaria bear out this idea.

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doubted.

In Paris, M. Delcasse, French minister of foreign affairs, has expressed the utmost desire to co-operate with the United States as Secretary Hay has proposed "so long as nothing inimical to Russia is done," the minister thus seizing the opportunity to affirm publicly the close sympathy known to exist between his government and that of the Czar.

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The situation in the Balkan peninsula is expected to influence the attitude of some of the great powers toward the Far Eastern situation. It is noted that the interests of Great Britain and France in the near East are harmonious.

ACTIVITY AT HOME IN RUSSIA.

Russia has started her Baltic squadron, consisting of fifteen battleships, to the Far East. Some six weeks will be necessary for the passage. It is reported

the Far East. Some six weeks will be necessary for the passage. It is reported that an attempt will be made to get the Black Sea fleet out through the Dar-

The Russian minister of finance has issued a communication warning the opie against becoming panic-stricken and sacrificing the securities they hold. Russia may abandon her intended St. Louis exhibit and devote the money thus saved to the Red Cross Society and similar purposes. This would amount EVENTS IN THIS COUNTRY.

Word has reached this country from Japan that all Japanese now in America who have been in the naval service of their country are urged to re-

Prof. Theodore S. Woolsey, of Yale University, an authority on international Minister Conger has advised the State law, says that Japan's action in making an attack before a formal declaration Department that China is prepared to

Authentic news from the Far East is unusually slow in transmission. Cable dispatches from Tokyo to this country, for instance, are now taking between

to comply with any demand from China HOUSE WILL ADJOURN that Russia withdraw from Manchuria, China might then employ force. This move would be regarded most carefully by the powers who would insist that an imperial army, under thorough discipline tion of Mr. Payne of New York, the and regardful of the rules of war, be Republican floor leader, an agreement should be no savor of Boxer troubles to til Monday. The House then, in Com give Russia any excuse for resisting. It is admitted that the situation in

such cases would be most delicate and TO RULE IN MANCHURIA should not in any way savor of an alliance with Japan, but it is contended Certain diplomats here have raised that the movement properly conducted that the movement properly conducted would have the moral support, if not the active support, of the remainder of the neutral powers. Six months ago the idea would have been regarded as preposterous, but it is claimed that present conditions make it at least possible. The effect would be practically to cripple Russia by foreing her to operate from Viadivostok. Her line of railway outside of Siberia would be tied up and present indications are that she would soon lose her naval resources. That, however, say the diplomats, is the risk one runs when he goes to war and violates solema promises to other nations.

## **NEUTRALITY OF CHINA** DISCUSSED BY CABINET

Secretary Hay's Plan Considered by the President and His Advisors

The neutrality proclamation was touched upon, and also the proposition submitted by Secretary Hay to The following deaths have been report-

It was said that these matters were only discussed briefly, and that it was not developed whether the Russian government was opposing the proposal of Secretary Hay.

Reference was made to the fact an early vote on the Panama treaty was seemingly assured.

#### NO. 7 ENGINE COMPANY GIVEN ROUSING WELCOME

Members of No. 7 fire engine cominy were given a rousing welcome on their return from Baltimore, by the residents of the neighborhood of their headquarters. A supper was given them on the night of their return to Washington, and there were many of their neighbors present to greet them and neignors present to greet them and express their appreciation of the good work they had done.

Among the invited gueffs were Fire Chief Belt, Fire Marshal Bleber, Assistant Fire Chief Wagner, Attorney George Hoover. Mrs. Hoover. Mrs. Steiner, Miss Cassell, the Misses Hoover. Miss White, and Miss Shreeves were among the young women who contributed to the entertainment and comfort of the fire \*\*4des.

In the House this afternoon sent into the province and that there was reached to adjourn from today unmittee of the White, gave consideration to private pension bills.

## PETITION FOR TRUSTEE

On the petition of Ofilia M. Kennelly, Justice Gould today appointed William E. Ambrose trustee, to make a release of a certain deed of trust, affecting the property rights of the petitioner.

It was explained to the court that the note, which was secured by the deed of trust, has long been paid, and that the original trustee is dead. Merillat & Ambrose were counsel for the petitioner.

#### DIED.

EWELL-ERVIN E., at New Orleans, La., on Funeral at Disco, Mich., on Saturday, Feb-tuary 13. Burial at Utica, Mich., same day.

LLOYD—On Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1904, at 10 p. m., at her residence, 220 K st. nw., MRS. LOUISA R. LLOYD, beloved wife of the late James T. Lloyd and daughter of the late Andrew and Sarah Locke.

Funeral Saturday at 10 a. m. from St. Patrick's Church. (Baltimore papers please copy.)

At the Cabinet meeting today, the Far Eastern situation was talked over

#### DEATH RECORD.

the powers that the neutrality of China ed to the Health Department for the in the Russian-Japanese difficulty be returned to the Health Department for the twenty-four hours ended at noon today: Barnes, Joseph, 88, Broad Branch Road, D. C. Bradley, Eleanor Parris, 23, 2017 Q rt. N. W. Boone, Estella, 35, 514 Ricketts Court, N. W. Conway, Thomas, 49, 2d and Q Sts. S. W. Jackson, Lula, 21, 623 2d St. S. W. Lyon, Lucy Ann, 61, 919 E St. S. E. Mullis, Arthur A., 13, 326 L St. S. E. Payne, Charlotte, 63, 47 Defrees St. N. W. Proctor, Myrtle, 11 mos., Children's Hospital, D. C. Roy, James 2, 467 Lives 11, 11 mos., Children's Hospital, Roy, James 2, 467 Lives 12, 120 C. D. C.
Roy, James, 2, 427 Limerick Alley S. W.
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## RUSSIA HAD TIME TO BE PREPARED

can Naval Officer.

patches With Great Interest as Solution of Deep Problem.

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They have had months and years to pre-pare, and Japan did not strike until after diplomatic relations had been broken off, and there was every reason to ex-

pect an attack at any minute.
"A fleet which was in readiness for action probably would not have suffered as the Russian vessels did at the hands of the Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers. The details of the fight received so far are not sufficient to enable one to un-derstand it thoroughly, but there can be no question that the Russians were tak-

#### Efficiency Proved.

"Of course, the efficiency of torpedo-boat destroyers is shown by the decisive victory. Nobody can question that. The result will probably be an increased demand for boats of that description. In the war with Spain the United States had no opportunities to give its torpedo-boat destroyers a thorough test. Consequently the idea became current that they were not effective, and the United

States quit building them." Naval authorities credit the Japanese officers with great skill and alertness in the Port Arthur fight and say the fact that the Russians were not prepared should not detract in the least from the

should not detract in the least from the glory of the Japanese. Intermation received so far concern-ing the naval engagements at Port Ar-thur and Chemulpo is so incomplete that naval officers have not been able to make an analytical study of the re-

that ha all officers have not been able to make an analytical study of the results.

Dispatches announcing that three Japanese torpedo boats were sunk by the Russian feet in the Port Arthur engagement have not lessened the glory of the Japanese torpedo fiotilla or detracted from the praise of tempedo boats, in the opinion of naval officers. Although the first reports of the Port Arthur conflict seemed almost incredible to civilians, naval officers were not surprised at the reports of the miraculous escape of the little craft after playing such have with the Russian fleet.

"Under cover of darkness torpedo boats are just as likely to escape as they are to be destroyed," said Admiral Taylor, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, in speaking of the Port Arthur engagement. "There was nothing incredible about the first reports of the battle."

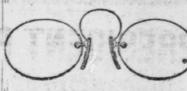
Dispatches received by the State Department yesterday announcing the destruction of the Russian cruiser Varlag at Chemulpo were indefinite. They said the cruiser. They must be a cruiser they are to be destroyed, they must be statement is explained the morning by dispatches, which have not been confirmed, that Capt. Vladimir Behr, the Russian officer in command of the cruiser, blew the vessel up rather than allow it to fall into the hands of the Japanese. The heroism of Captain Behr in destroying his vessel is warmly commended by Commander Boutakoff, the Russian naval attache at the Washington embassy.

#### HAWLEY LOSES SUIT. In the suit of Wilson G. Hawley

against the Columbia Railway Com-pany for \$10,000 damages for personal injuries, the jury, under direction of Justice Barnard, returned a verdict in favor of the defendant.

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Experts Studying the Meager Dis- Japanese Minister Tells Visitor That the Land of the Rising Sun Is in Need of Nurses.

As president of the Spanish-American War Nurses' Association, Dr. Anita for war," a prominent United States Newcomb McGee called on Mr. Taka-naval officer said, in discussing the Jap-hira, the Japanese minister, today, to "There was no excuse for the lack of reparation on the part of the Russians. to the Far East.

ister, who received her most cordially.

Cables for Instructions. He stated that he would at once cable to Tokyo for instructions. Mr. Taka-hira gave Dr. McGee to understand that a favorable response would very likely be received. The government, he said, greatly appreciated the offer when it was made last December, but could not consider it at that time, war not having been declared.

As the result of her interview Dr. Mc-Gee will at once make preparations to organize her corps for service in the Orient.

#### Many Applicants.

She has kept in her files all the letters of those nurses who wrote volunteering their services. Innumerable applications she says, have been received, and it wi than to get the volunteers, as the number than to get the volunteers, as the nurses seem particularly eager to go to the Orient. In the association of which Dr McGee is president there are 600 mem bers, but Dr. McGee says that all nurse who have served in the army may volunteer. She expects to take about one hundred of the most experienced nurses, and their services will be placed at the disposal of the Japanese government.

#### BIG BILL CONSIDERED BY SENATE COMMITTEE

The subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee on the legisla-tive, executive and judicial appropria-Capitol. Progress was made in the read

## ANNUAL REPORT OF

The annual report of the Washington Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railroad has been sent to the Senate, and was laid before that body by President Pro Tem. Frye today.

#### TRUSTEES' SALES.

TRUSTEES' SALE OF TWO-STORY FRAME DWELLING, NO. 241 OAK STREET, N. W.—By virtue of a certain deed of trust duly recorded in liber, No. 2533, at folic 113 et seq., one of the land records for the District of Columbia, and at the request of the party secured thereby, we will sell at public auction in front of the premises on, TUESDAY, the 23D DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1994 at 5 O'CLOCK, P. M., part of lot numbered there, in block numbered twenty-one, of the Howard University subdivision of John A. Smith's farm, commonly called of the Howard University subdivision of John A. Smith's farm, commonly called "Effinghan Place," described as follows: Beginning at the south-west corner of said lot fronting on Oak Street, and running thence east 12½ feet, thence north 60 feet, thence west 12½ feet, thence south 60 feet, to place of beginning, with the improvements thereon.

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by him he refused to answer. He said that he had promised the client not to divulge anything concerning the visit or the purpose of it. It was the name of the person which the court demanded Mr. Elliott should give.

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Mr. Elliott was called to the witness stand on Wednesday. A question was propounded to him which he declined to answer, on the ground that it would be divulging the relations between him as an attorney and a client. After having repeatedly declined to answer the question.

A few minutes after noon today Justice Wright informed Mr. Elliott that he would give him until today at noon to decide whether or not he would answer the question.

A few minutes after noon today Justice Wright alled upon Mr. Elliott to answer. Mr. Elliott again declined to do so, and was ordered committed to jail until he purged himself of the contempt. While testifying on last Wednesday.

While testifying on last Wednesday. Mr. Elliott said that before he had vissited William W. Galt, now deceased, he had been taking notes preparatory to drawing a will for a client. On being asked to name the client referred to by him he refused to answer. He said that he purpose of it. It was the name of the person which the court demand.

### DR. SHOOP'S RESTORATIVE

AT THE DOCTOR'S RISK

CHRIST AND THE SABBATH.
Subject of address by Prof. W. W. Prescot, editor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church paper, SUNDAY, at 7:30 P.
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